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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CHAIRMAN MAO ON TV

1. TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE SEPTEMBER 12 TWO HOUR
MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN MAO AND FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPI
SHOWED THE CHAIRMAN LOOKING SOMEWHAT LESS SHAKY THAN
IN PAST TV APPEARANCES SUCH AS LAST YEAR'S VISITS OF
FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMAN AND SRI LANKAN PRIME
MINISTER BANDARANAIKE.

2. AS USUAL, THE CHAIRMAN APPEARED WEAK AND SHOWED HIS
AGE, BUT HE SEEMED TO CONVERSE AND MOVE ABOUT WITH
REASONABLE EASE. AT ONE POINT HE MOVED TO HIS BOOKCASE,
REMOVED A VOLUME FROM A HIGH SHELF AND PRESENTED IT TO
POMPIDOU, ALL WITH NO SIGNS OF ASSISTANCE. BY
CONTRAST, IN THE MEETINGS CITED ABOVE THE CHAIRMAN'S
HANDS HAD SHAKEN IN SOMEWHAT PALSIED FASHION AND HE
HAD APPEARED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN MOVING AROUND
HIS STUDY.

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